











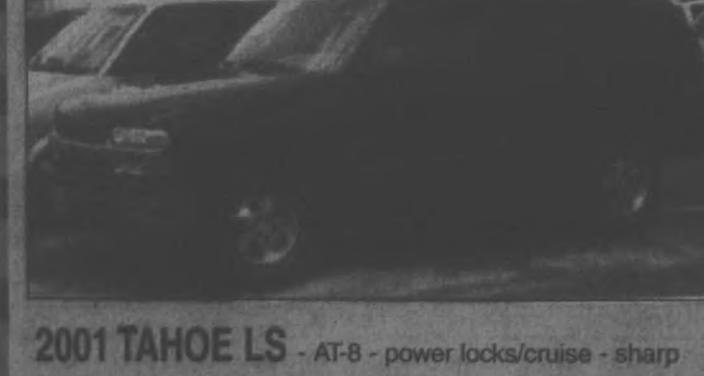







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## During New Brockton Town Council meeting Council members hear complaint of vulgarity in one neighborhood

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council held its regular monthly meeting Monday evening, May 5, and the group listened as one citizen reported a continuing problem with vulgar noise in his neighborhood.

Former town councilman Ricky Strickland addressed the members and said there is a continuing problem with vulgar talking between the residents of a house and mobile home in his neighborhood.

Strickland said although he is no longer a council member, he still receives phone calls with complaints about the noise, and he agreed to come and speak with the council concerning this matter.

After allowing council members to hear a taped example of the ongoing problem, Strickland said he personally has called the law several times to come out and put an end to the situation. He said, at times, the noise is so loud that he can hear the yelling inside his home with the doors and windows shut and the television on.

He also said one of the residences has a fire burning every night without first acquiring a burn permit which is now required in New Brockton.

"This is an every night occurrence, and it goes into the wee hours of the night," Strickland said.

New Brockton Police Lt. Bill King was present at the meeting and said the disturbance usually breaks up before the officers can get there, therefore, he said they are only able to tell the residents to quiet down.

"If we (officers) don't hear anything, we can't prove they are doing it," he said.

Mayor Charles Cole suggested either the chief or one of the officers go and talk with the property owner concerning the ongoing situation.

Also, councilman Ron McMonagle asked King to have an officer go by the two residences every hour on the hour during the evening hours for a short while. He said the more noticeable presence of the officers will more than likely quiet the noise down and make the neighborhood more peaceful for the other residents.

There's no reason anyone should have to go through that," councilman Jody Stuckey said in regards to the vulgar noise.

Council members were made aware of a mechanical problem with the newest police vehicle in which

Cole said the diagnosis called for a new motor. He said the warranty went out at 36,000 miles and the vehicle currently has just over 41,000 miles.

Cole also said another of the police vehicles was in need of mechanical work, therefore, he asked for the council's permission to borrow approximately \$5,000 to have both vehicles repaired.

After a lengthy discussion, council members decided to have the vehicle inspected at Cook Ford in Elba to see exactly what needed to be done. At that point, a decision would be made about what to do to get the vehicles repaired.

In other business, the council discussed a drainage problem on Medley Road in which Cole said he had asked the county engineer to look at it to see

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## Brantley receives national school improvement award

In the last several years, a project of the Brantley Garden Club has been to improve the Brantley School grounds. A few of the undertakings the Garden Club has developed and maintained at the school are the flower beds around each building, planted shrubs, trees and created an Outdoor Classroom for educating students and teachers about the environment.

The Outdoor Classroom consists of a butterfly garden, vegetables the students plant and harvest, a gazebo for shelter and lectures, bird and butterfly houses and a frog pond.

This is a tremendous plus for students at Brantley because they are getting hands-on experience. Since many of these children have never planted anything, the outdoor classroom allows them to see plants and butterflies grow and produce. They also learn plant and butterfly names.

The garden, being an extended Outdoor Classroom, hopefully in years to come will provide these students a better lesson plan since their lessons are being taught right in the garden, which enhances what they could be getting from a textbook.

Now at last, these projects made available by the Garden



Brantley School principal Waylon Bush is presented an award and certificate from Brantley Garden Club president, Reba Mason.

Club at Brantley School have been recognized. On March 6, 2003 at the Garden Club of Alabama Conference in Perdido Beach, Ala., the Brantley Garden Club was honored with several first place awards. One award, given by the Deep South Region - National Garden Club for School Ground Improvement, was presented to the Brantley Garden Club for its work at Brantley School in Brantley, Alabama.

This plaque, engraved with the Brantley Garden Club 2003 nameplate, will hang for one year at the school. In the spring of 2004 the trophy will be returned to the Deep South Region office for next year's recipient.

A certificate of achievement for this award will remain at the school. The first place trophy and certificate, was presented to the Brantley Garden Club for School Ground Improvement after submitting a Book of Evidence to the Garden Club of Alabama.

Presently, the Brantley Garden Club is the only club in the State of Alabama to receive this prestigious award, and this accomplishment has only been made possible through the endeavors and commitment of the members of the Brantley Garden Club, as well as, grants and donations from businesses and other community leaders. Club members said volunteers from the community have also been very helpful.

Students and teachers at the school provided assistance in helping maintain and improve the school grounds.



MEASURING THE LEVEE...With all the dirt being moved around in Elba these days, everyone seems to want to know exactly how wide the reconstructed levee will be when finished. With that in mind, two of Elba's ambassadors - Miss Elba Anna Anderson (left) and Junior Miss Elba Caineron Irwin (right) - recently went on a mission to find the answer. The ladies took their measuring tape and climbed atop the levee next to the famous Pea River where U.S. Highway 84 crosses it and soon discovered the "new" levee to be one of a gigantic nature. Before this project got started, officials said the base of the reconstructed levee would be 65 feet wide, and these young ladies were able to confirm that number for local residents. Widening of the levee continues all around Elba as weather permits, and local citizens are still encouraged to take notice of the construction areas. Also, motorists are reminded of the closing of Hwy. 87 next to Windham Lumber Company. This area will be closed until further notice as workers prepare the area for rehabilitation of the levee there.

## Commission votes to purchase four vehicles for sheriff's department

by Linda Hodge, Editor

After several weeks of discussion, the Coffee County Commission put an end to its deliberations Monday, May 12, of what to do about new sheriff's department vehicles with the approval of a motion to purchase four new vehicles.

Sheriff Ben Moates met with commissioners last Wednesday during their working session to discuss how many cars to purchase for the department.

Commissioner Tom Grimley said the group had talked about purchasing eight, four, three or just two new vehicles, and after all was said and done, he made a

motion to go ahead and purchase four vehicles. The motion also gave the county administrator permission to proceed with borrowing the money from the county depository.

His motion received a second from commissioner Bernest Brooks, but commissioner Doug Dalrymple said he felt the commission should stay in line with a previous motion to purchase two vehicles.

Commissioner Jim Thompson said he was the one to come up with the idea of purchasing eight vehicles because a recent report showed a lot of money being spent for maintenance on the current vehicles with worn out equipment.

Thompson said buying less cars would only be "putting a band aid" on the problem, and he said he gave the county a way to fix the problem with his suggestion.

Grimley's motion passed by a 4-3 vote with commissioners Grimley, Linda Westbrook, Kayo Lewis and Bernest Brooks voting in favor and Dalrymple, Thompson and Robert Stephens voting against it.

The fire alarm system at the county jail became the hot topic of Monday's meeting when jail administrator Zack Ennis told commissioners the alert system still was not working. He said the alert system has not worked since a new computer system was installed, and wiring

appears to be the problem.

County maintenance supervisor Phil Rugg assured commissioners the fire sprinkler system, which is heat activated, is working and the sprinklers will automatically kick in if the temperature inside the jail reaches a certain degree, however, he said the alert system which buzzes to notify occupants of the fire is not working. Also, the computer monitor will no longer show an indicator of where exactly the fire is located in the building.

County administrator Wilson Mobley said the company which installed the alarm system when the jail was built in 1991 has since gone out of business, and no other company has been located yet that can hook the system back up.

Commissioner Thompson said he definitely thinks the situation should be a major priority and asked that someone be contacted this week to come and look at what it will take to get

the alert system working again.

Commissioner Robert Stephens then made a motion with a second from Lewis to have Mobley contact Fire Alarm Systems to come and look to see if the current system can be fixed by adding the alarm or give the county a price on a new system to be discussed at the next meeting.

This motion passed by a unanimous vote; however, later in the meeting, Dalrymple made a motion with a second from Lewis to first have an electrician look at getting power to the buzzer of the current system. This motion passed by a 5-1-1 vote. Commissioner Brooks cast the opposing vote with commissioner Stephens abstaining from the vote. Stephens cited his reason as being because the county employs an electrician in which Rugg said had already looked at

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## Work begins on section of Hwy. 84 project

The Alabama Department of Transportation informs the public that W.S. Newell & Sons, Inc., began work on Tuesday, May 6, for constructing the grade and drain on the relocation of U.S. Hwy. 84 from East of County Road 507 to West of Double Bridges Creek in New Brockton in Coffee County. The length of the project is 4,242 miles and

expected to be completed within 300 working days.

The contractor has erected advance construction warning signs to advise the traveling public of the construction work zone. Also the contractor will utilize flagman and portable signs to safely guide motorists through the construction work zone. Motorist are urged to reduce speed and use caution when traveling through and around the equipment and workers.

Any inquiry concerning this work should be directed to the following: Mr. Evan Mathews, Project Superintendent, Tel. (334)215-8000; Mr. Mark Graham, District Engineer, Tel. (334)347-8166; or Mr. Franklin T. Bowers, Project Engineer, Tel. (334)393-7364.

## Area Happenings

**COFFEE COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE** will be held Friday, May 16, on the campus of Enterprise-Dade Community College. The opening ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. with the luncheon ceremony at 9 p.m.

**THE 58th ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY CELEBRATION** will be Saturday, May 17, at Cates Army Airfield, Ft. Rucker, and will include static displays of current and historic Army aircraft and military ground vehicles, a concert by the 50th Army Band, a flying demonstration, food, refreshments, an obstacle course for children, and fun for all ages. Admission is free, and the activities will begin at 9 a.m. Continuation time show the buses will be provided from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. between Calumet and parking areas on Fort Rucker and in Dothanville.

**ELBA HEAD START** is now taking applications for children aged 3 years or older for the 2003-2004 school year. Find out how to apply by stopping by the Elba Head Start office, next to Southland Bank or call 897-3673.

## NOTICE

Water Service Assessment for Coffee County Water Authority has been completed and will be available for review June 5, 2003. Any one with a question may call Harold Johnson at 234-664-2344.



## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
with Ferrin Cox

It has finally happened . . . the long expected special session of the Alabama legislature has been called to begin on May 19th. It is much too early to predict any outcome, or even the details of Governor Riley's proposal. However, he has let it be known that the plan calls for sizable tax increases. Some who claim to be "in the know" estimate the tax package will bring in an additional \$1.2 BILLION in state taxes. Hinted at by many self appointed experts/predictors are more property taxes and/or sales taxes; more cigarette taxes (great 'cause we don't smoke); soft drink tax, additional "fees" on several items; more of the health insurance premium on teachers and other state workers; the list of possibilities continues as far as one's imagination allows. Something we read that Riley had said was this is a package deal . . . it can be either voted up or down, but all at once. That will be interesting. If the legislature approves anything that resembles the recommendations of the governor, it will be up to the voters (in maybe September) to place the final stamp of approval or non approval on the new taxes. . . . and the continuation of high school football and band! Truth or scare tactics? We don't know, but it is going to be an interesting summer for watching.



MAYOR JAMES GRIMES signed proclamations this week honoring both National Nursing Home Week and National Hospital Week. Pictured above with Grimes are hospital staff members - left, Jan Wicker and right, Joyce Purvis.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, May 5, 2003, investigated the following incidents: one criminal trespassing, one leaving the scene of an accident, one violation of probation, one violation of a court order, one reckless endangerment, one driving under the influence, two for burglary, one harassment, one criminal mischief, one improper communication and one assault.

The following arrests were made: one for failure to appear, one for domestic violence, one for assault, one for criminal trespassing, one for failure to pay, two on grand jury indictments, one for contempt of court and one for driving under the influence. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for driving without first obtaining a driver's license, one for unlawfully following chickens running at large, one for no proof of insurance, one for violation of the child restraint law, one for highway littering and one for driving on the wrong side of the road.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: MONDAY, MAY 5 - River stage - 7.39 feet (7:03 a.m.); Alarm activated at 716 B. Hwy. 87 N. (7:37 a.m.); Minor wreck reported in the SouthTrust Bank parking lot (11:09 a.m.); Alarm activated at 266 Plant Ave. (11:18 a.m.); Civil disturbance (fighting) at 935 Payne St. (10:39 p.m.).

TUESDAY, MAY 6 - River stage - 7.03 feet (6:49 a.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7 - River stage - 6.76 feet (7:17 a.m.); Breaking and entering reported at 1167 N. Morrow Ave. (9:44 p.m.).

THURSDAY, MAY 8 - River stage - 6.54 feet (6:09 a.m.); Breaking and entering (not in progress) reported at 623 Jackson St. (9:18 a.m.); Breaking and entering reported at 722 County Rd. 401 (3:42 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 215 Fox Dr. (4:09 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 4270 Hwy. 125 (4:25 p.m.).

FRIDAY, MAY 9 - River stage - 6.33 feet (6:23 a.m.); Civil disturbance (fighting) reported at Powell Trailer Court (10:55 p.m.).

SATURDAY, MAY 10 - River stage - 6.15 feet (5:55 a.m.); Alarm activated at Kelley Foods Building A (7:07 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched 1032 Guyton St. (5:38 p.m.); Civil disturbance (fighting) reported on Martin Luther King Dr. across from Hammonds Funeral Home (8:07 p.m.); Minor wreck reported at the old high school (10:26 p.m.).

SUNDAY, MAY 11 - River stage - 5.99 feet (6:25 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the intersection of Jones and Jackson Streets (10:32 a.m.); Civil disturbance (fighting) reported at 718 Simmons St. (8:17 p.m.); Civil disturbance (verbal) reported at 1035 N. Claxton Ave. (10:04 p.m.).

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## Seniors honored at Girl Scout Troop 300 annual Spring Tea

Taylor Mill Oaks was the setting for Girl Scout Troop 300's annual spring tea which was held on Sunday, May 4th. Some one hundred and fifty ladies of the community attended the event which gives the scouts an opportunity to practice their social skills.

Receiving with Mrs. Robert Cannon, troop leader, were the graduating seniors and their mothers. They included Miss Kristy Ward and Mrs. Cathy Ward, Miss DeAnn Smith and Mrs. Dennis Smith, Miss Heather Hays and Mrs. Kevin Hays, Miss Devin Kilcrease and Mrs. Ricky Kilcrease, Miss Courtney Pelham and Mrs. Donna Stokes and Miss Betsy Adkinson and Mrs. Steve Adkinson. Each senior held a cluster of yellow roses tied with wide satin ribbons.

The registry table on the terrace was covered in white lace over pink. A metal watering can filled with pink tulips was placed at one side and a hat fashioned from mosses and woodland products at the other. A trio of miniature moss baskets filled with pink roses encircled the hat.

A second terrace table covered in beige Russian linen held a collusion of unique and lovely purses, antique handkerchiefs and gloves. Old fashioned running roses and daisies bloomed from a beaded purse placed on stacked law books.

In the reception room magnificent arrangements of calla lilies, roses, tulips and snapdragons in all of spring's colors filled tall crystal pedestal vases and provided a lovely backdrop for the young girls. These flowers and the seniors' bouquets were gifts from generous friends.

Junior members of the troop presided over a pair of silver services and served refreshments from a table graced with crystal three tiered cake stands holding petite foures tied in deep colors to complement the flowers.

Assisting in the entertaining were Mrs. Oliver Williams of Enterprise, Mrs. James Helms and Mrs. Kenneth Calhoun, Mrs. Meredith English and Miss Anna Anderson served as tea chairman.

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- GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church - enter on side on W. Davis St. - Maggie Garrett Classroom.
- COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
- LEONE CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center
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- AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
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- ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 2nd Thursday at noon, Discard Hanger at the Airport
- AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month
- ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 1st & 3rd Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room
- NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.



Elba Girl Scout Troop #300 seniors include: (sitting, left to right) - Heather Hays, Kristy Ward and Courtney Pelham, (standing, left to right) - Devin Kilcrease, DeAnn Smith and Betsy Adkinson.

## Festival at the Well set for Saturday, May 17 in Glenwood

The Flowing Well Foundation, Inc. will host the 10th Annual Festival At The Well on Saturday, May 17, beginning at 9 a.m. in Glenwood.

The festivities will begin with a parade at the northern section of town and will precede to the festival site where the Opening Ceremony will be held. The day will be packed with plenty of fun and enjoyable activities for the entire family, i.e. musical entertainment, art & craft's, delicious eatables from the Glenwood Ladies Sweet Shop, and children's beauty pageant.

The children's beauty pageant will have on-site registration. The festival will conclude with an old-fashioned street dance where individuals can look up their heels to favorable tunes provided by the very talented band, Kickin', beginning at 8 p.m. There will be an admission charge. All proceeds will go toward the Foundation's Scholarship Fund, Restoration Fund for the Flowing Well and Festival Site, and community projects.

Glenwood is located 7 miles southeast of Luverne off U.S. Highway 331 and 18 miles west of Troy on Crenshaw/Pike County Road 66. For more information, call 565-3970 or visit the website www.flowingwell.org

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## TOWN

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what can be done to prevent this problem. Cole said there are some places on the road where the mail can not be delivered without the vehicle going into the ditch.

\* Council member Johnnie Herron said work is still underway to plan a fund raiser which will help the town in making its match portion for awarded grants. Herron said he hoped to have something to report by the council's next working session.

\* Cole reminded council members that the town hall office will be closed Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day. In case of an emergency, he said citizens should call 911 or the New Brockton Police Department.

## CCC

the problem. In other business, the commission:

\* Awarded the bid for dump trucks to Gulf Coast Truck Co. with no options for \$87,730. This was the low bid.

\* Awarded the bid for steel pipe to Gulf Atlantic Culvert, Inc. of Tallahassee, Fla. for \$11,091.70. Gulf Atlantic provided the low bid out of three companies.

\* Approved a motion giving county engineer Randy Tindell authorization to initialize the paperwork for the resurfacing projects on County Rds. 134, 633, 420, 422, 423 and 306.

\* Approved a motion to send out bids for a patching machine.



The latest event at Zion Chapel is a program called "Motherhood." This program looks into new ways of story sharing with children. It is always fun to learn new ways and ideas to use on children to get them interested in reading. So far, the mothers have enjoyed the classes and used their new techniques on their child at home. The guest story sharer is Francis Brock, who has lots of interesting facts to share. The sessions are held at ZCHS every Thursday until May 22 from 3-4 p.m. The sponsors are the Coffee County School System and Coffee County Family Services Center. For questions, call Chris Suley at 897-6802.

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\* Approved a motion to purchase truck chassis of the state bid list.

\* Approved a motion to close City Rd. 538, a dead-end dirt road, at the request of the only property owner.

\* Approved a motion to allow the county, at the discretion of Tindell, to assist the Town of Kinston with its softball field. Thompson pointed out that Tindell has "his plate full" and it may be a while before he gets to this project.

\* Stephens pointed out that the county has not closed its farmer's market. He said the market currently open in Enterprise is an additional one, and he offered the county's best

mencement ceremony.

The Class of 2003 appreciates everything that our community has so graciously provided for us in the past few years. We have spent the last 13 years working toward this momentous occasion and are looking forward to an evening that we will never forget.

As EHS students, we have always prided ourselves in the class of our school and of our community. In the past few years, we have noticed that many people who have attended our graduation ceremonies have viewed them as a time to scream and yell and have not shown the respect demanded by this occasion.

We would like to take this opportunity to encourage all of our families and friends to treat this occasion with the respect and dignity that it so rightly deserves. Graduation is a formal event that marks the end of one chapter in our lives. Please honor our graduating class by dressing and acting appropriately.

We have always been taught that our auditorium is a place of distinction. We have been taught that we do not scream and yell. We treat this place as a sanctuary and we ask that you respect the pride that we have in our school.

As we have noticed in the past, there has always been a problem of seating during graduation. Many of us have family that will travel miles to be a part of this joyous event. We encourage all family members to arrive early for our ceremony and we ask that the public give our families a chance to see their loved ones move into the next stage of our lives. We will share this occasion with our community in the commons area following our com-

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# CHURCH & AREA NEWS

## Homecoming and revival planned at Zoar Holiness Church

Zoar Holiness Church will have Homecoming on Sunday morning, May 18, and Revival May 19-23, beginning at 7:15 each night.

Guest evangelist and musicians for Sunday morning services and revival services will be the Bruce Johnson Family.

Lunch will be served at the noon hour.

Sunday afternoon singing will begin at 2 o'clock.

For more information contact Bro. Nathan Johnson at 897-0480.

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Scripture: Psalm 23

\*\*\*Thinking of you, praying for you: Mary E. Holley, Leo Henderson, Ella Mae Brooks, Rev. Henry Ewing, Jr., The Cox Family, Rev. N.L. Robinson, Lizzette Tyson, Faye Manning, Tina Williams, Lynsey Manning, Johnnie R. Belcher, Mattie Belcher, Alan Belcher, Benjamin Daniels, Lovie Hooks, Joe Bailey and Paul Belcher.

\*\*\*May Birthdays: Mary Nell Daniels-May 8, Tiffany Kelley-May 9, Milton E. Belcher-May 10, Ernestine Kelley-May 25 and Estelle Williams-May 26. Elba Zion Baptist Church will hold their Annual Youth Revival May 28-30, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. nightly.

\*\*\*Matrons Annual Celebration will be held at Nazareth Baptist Church in Opp on May 17, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. nightly.

\*\*\*Full Gospel Community Church in Level Plains, Ala. will have a guest evangelist, Sister Carolyn Morgan of Woodville, Fla. May 16 and 17 at 7:00 p.m. and May 18 at 11:00 a.m.

\*\*\*A helping hands program will be held for Mrs. Beulah M. Brown. Everyone is invited to attend including all groups, choirs and soloists. For more information call 334-493-6755.

\*\*\*Women of Destiny Conference 2003 will be held at Harris Temple Church of God in Christ May 23-24, 2003. Friday the conference will begin at 7:30 p.m. Registration and breakfast begins Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Men of Standard Conference will begin at 12:00 p.m. The speaker will be Missionary Betty Byrd. For more information call 897-0416.

Today is a good day; be grateful!

ERIA

## Mt. Zion to celebrate homecoming, Sunday May 18

Mt. Zion Baptist Church will celebrate homecoming, Sunday, May 18.

Sunday School will begin at 10:00 a.m. Worship service will be at 11:00 a.m.

Guest speaker will be Rev. Hubert McWaters. Special music is planned.

A cover dish lunch will be served at noon. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Cemetery Working set at Pleasant Ridge for May 17

A cemetery working and trust fund meeting will be held at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church Saturday, May 17.

The trust fund meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church is located on County Road 228 (near Victoria).

Anyone who has loved ones in this cemetery are urged to come and help.

Everyone needs to bring their tools.

## Shiloh Baptist to host Gospel Singing

Shiloh Baptist Church will host a singing on Saturday, May 17, 2003. Supper will be at 6 p.m. and the singing will be at 7 p.m. The featured group will be the Martin Hicks family. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Outreach Women's Conference to be held in Brantley

An Outreach Women's Conference "Will Though Be Made Whole" sponsored by Harris Temple Church of God in Christ in Elba will be held on May 19 and 20 at the Shepherd's Day Care Building in Brantley.

For more information call 897-6991.



## PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. John Baxter

Elba United Methodist Church

## Attention parents.....

An interesting idea appeared recently in the New York Times magazine. It is a video tape produced by quality Video of Minneapolis titled, "Video Baby." It is designed for consumers who are devoted to family values but can't seem to find the time to start a family. This 30-minute tape shows two infants doing what babies tend to do, like crawl around the house, play with a rattle, take a bubble bath and turn lunch into a complete mess. There's no narrator (and no cleanup), so once the tape is in the VCR there's nothing to come between the viewer and the baby but the off button. Of course, some things are left out, like crying and spitting up, not to mention the challenge of a full diaper. As the package says, "enjoy bath time without being splashed, mealtime without weaning the food." Sounds good. All the joys of parenthood and none of the inconveniences, just set the VCR. Imagine the possibilities for "Video Teen-Ager."

## Ozark District to hold annual Sunday School Convention

Presiding Elder J. F. McCloud has announced that Ozark District A.M.E. Churches will gather for their annual Sunday School Convention to be held on Friday & Saturday, May 30-31, at St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Ozark. This is a very special occasion each year, but more so this year since Elder McCloud has announced his retirement effective this fall. In commemoration of his last Sunday School Convention as an active Presiding Elder, Reverend McCloud will break tradition and bring the message during Friday's "Night in White" Services beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Ozark Area Women's Missionary Society Choir and Praise Team will provide music. Presiding Elder McCloud's retirement will come after 41 years as a pastor and 18 years as a Presiding Elder. The theme for the weekend services is "Love Is..."

Saturday sessions will begin with Sunday School Training at 9:00 a.m. Sunday School superintendents of local A.M.E. Churches in the Ozark District are invited to teach the Sunday School Lesson. The training will be followed by a Noon "Hour of Power." Reverend Andrew Williams, Pastor of the Hartford Circuit, will bring the message. Rev. Paul Phillips, Pastor of New Bethel A.M.E. Church in Geneva will serve as presiding officer. Music will be provided by the Ozark District Youth Choir under the direction of

Rev. James Corbett, Pastor of the Floral-Lockhart Circuit, and accompanied by Richard Laster of Ozark. For more information, please call Rev. McCloud at 983-1966, Rev. Fitchard at 445-2460, or Rev. Fred L. Flowers, District Secretary, at 935-1015. For more info on the Youth Choir, call Rev. James Corbett at 792-3080 or Marge Simmons at 393-3827.

## Jack Assembly to hold 2nd Annual Women's Conference

Jack Assembly of God will be hosting its 2nd Annual Women's Conference on May 16th and 17th with the Pentecostal Expressions (Wendy Douglas and Shanna Kirby) from Live Oak, Fla. Friday evenings service will begin at 7 p.m. and the Saturday service begins at 11 a.m. A covered dish lunch will be served following the Saturday morning service. All area women are invited to attend.

## Johnson Family to be in concert at Country Cathedral

The Johnson Family from Gonzalez, Fla., will be in concert at Country Cathedral on Sunday, May 25, 2003, at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Country Cathedral is located 5 miles east of Opp on Hwy. 84. Everyone is welcome, and no admission is charged.

# LIFESTYLES

## Miller-Stice wedding held at Ham United Methodist Church



Mr. & Mrs. Charles Joseph Miller

Sara Marie Stice and Charles Joseph Miller were united in marriage on February 22, 2003 at Ham United Methodist Church, Elba, Alabama. The Rev. John I. Baxter officiated the ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wayne Stice of Malakoff, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy C. Miller, Jr. of Rockwall, Texas.

Grandparents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Mayo, of Chandler, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Lavell Rhodes, of Flint, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Meacham, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Leroy C. Miller, Sr., all of Elba, Alabama.

The altar was flanked by two large candelabra, and featured a large arrangement of fresh cut spring flowers atop a white pedestal. Flowers adorning the pews were in memory of Mrs. Pearl Meacham, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy C. Miller, Sr. and Mrs. Mrs. Roy Devane.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a long gown of white satin, featuring a two-do pleated train, outlined in crystal beads in pearls. Her bouquet was arranged with pink roses and baby's breath, wrapped in a white satin ribbon.

Serving as Maid of Honor was Jessica Rhodes of Athens, Texas, cousin of the bride. Bridesmaids were Alyson Rhodes of Athens, Texas, cousin of the bride, and Tiffany Hollingsworth, of Bullard, Texas. Flower girls were Miss Morgan Miller and Miss Emily Miller, nieces of the groom, of Panama City Beach, Florida.

Serving as best man was the groom's father, Mr. Leroy C. Miller, Jr. of Rockwall, Texas. Groomsmen were Mr. Leroy C. Miller, III, brother of the bride of Panama City Beach, Florida, Mr. Morgan Miller of Atlanta, Georgia, and Mr. J.T. Lawrence of Tusculosa, Alabama.

A program of wedding music, featuring Wagner's "Bridal Chorus," The Lord's Prayer, and Mendelssohn's Wedding March, was presented by Mrs. Pam Baker, pianist. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Gatherings, in New Brockton, Alabama. Guests enjoyed an afternoon champagne buffet. After a honeymoon cruise to Cancun and Cozumel, Mexico, the couple reside in Dallas, Texas.

## Miss Rock & Mr. Compton to wed Saturday, May 31

Miss Carli Syre Rock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Rock of Montgomery, Ala., and Mr. Alan Drew Compton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Compton of Brantley, Ala., will be united in marriage on Saturday May 31, 2003 at 3:00 at Dairanda Church of Christ in Montgomery, Ala. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

## American Legion to hold flag disposal ceremony

The 35th District of the American Legion will be conducting a flag disposal ceremony on June 3, 2003 at the American Legion Post in Samson, Ala. This ceremony is available to all post within the district and each post will be collecting unseizable, worn and tattered US Flags for proper disposal. For more information call Robert Lolley at 894-5858 or drop the flags by the office located in the County Office Complex in New Brockton by 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3rd.

## Coffee County Chapter of University of Al National Alumni Assoc. to meet

The Coffee County chapter of the University of Alabama National Alumni Association invites all friends, friends, and alumni to attend its spring meeting, Tuesday, May 6, 2003. The guest speaker will be Defensive Ends Coach Paul Randolph. Location is the National Securities Conference Center, Highway 84, Elba, Social is at 6:30, BBQ dinner at 7, and the price is \$17.50/ person. Reservations can be mailed to Mary Sue Cain, 316 Valley Stream Drive, Enterprise, and by calling 347-7268, by Thursday, May 1.

## Couple to renew vows

Shannon and Sammy Vega will renew their wedding vows, Saturday, May 17, 2003, at 11:00 a.m. at the Charleston House in Enterprise. A reception will follow the ceremony there also. All family and friends are invited to attend.



Lo R: Mrs. Sam Morgan & Mr. Sam Morgan, Miss Amanda Morgan & Mr. John Roberson-honored couple, Mrs. Fred Ham, Mr. Bob Roberson & Mrs. Bob Roberson.

## Miss Morgan and Mr. Roberson honored with engagement party on Saturday, May 3

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Roberson honored their son and his future bride, Mr. John Roberson and Miss Amanda Morgan, with an engagement party on the evening of May 3, 2003. The National Security Conference Center was the setting of the lovely event. The front doors were decorated with wreaths fashioned from vines and entwined with swags of spring flowers. Located on the front porch was the registry table, which was covered with a multi-colored checked cloth and decorated with vases of cut flowers. As guests enjoyed the delicious dinner, they were entertained by Little Jimmy As. Read's strumming on the steel. Special guests included parents of the future bride, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Morgan; sisters of the bride-to-be and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Snead and James, Mr. and Mrs. Seawell McKee and Sam; sister of the future groom, Miss Julie Roberson; and paternal grand-

parents of the groom-to-be, Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Roberson. Donning red handkerchiefs made by Mrs. Roberson, many friends assisted Mr. and Mrs. Roberson. These included Mrs. Kenneth Baker, Mrs. Randy Bedsole, Mrs. Max Bozeman, Mrs. Lamar Brooks, Mrs. Gilbert Carlisle, Mrs. Fred Clark, Mrs. James Clark, Mrs. Jack Corley, Mrs. Wendell Cotton, Mrs. Earl Elliott, Mrs. James Galimore, Mrs. Matt Gray, Mrs. George Grider, Mrs. Fred Ham, Mrs. Tommy Hahn, Mrs. James Kelley, Mrs. Bobby King, Mrs. Paul King, Mrs. James Maddox, Mrs. Mac Moore, Mrs. Paul Morrow, Mrs. Ronald Morrow, Mrs. Tommy Morrow, Mrs. Mickey Murdock, Mrs. Billy Paul Owens, Mrs. Lee Phillips, Mrs. Buddy Shively, and Mrs. Kenneth Strong.

## Bill and Mary Fuller to be honored on 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, May 18

The children of Bill and Mary Fuller are hosting a reception in honoring their parent's 50th Wedding Anniversary. The reception will be held Sunday, May 18th, 2003 at two o'clock in the afternoon at 1134 County Road 461, Kinston, Ala. Please RSVP by May 10, 2003. Call 334/565-3705.



THE ELBA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1943 celebrated their 60th anniversary with a reunion in Troy, Alabama, on April 26, 2003. There were eighteen class members present along with seventeen spouses and guests. The class Vice-President, Tillman Deane, presided over the festivities. Class members included: (First Row) Eula Lee Vaughan Sowards, Louise McCollough Nicholson, Virginia Boutwell Barlow, Ruth Sims Lee, Gladys Moore Webb. (Second Row) Jack Vaughan, Edwin Hornsby, Mary Alice Dyess Lee, Miriam Vaughan Kennedy, James Boswell, Lizzar Miles Richardson, Martha Edmondson Martin, Mildred Adkinson Snellgrove. (Third Row) John Frank Lindsey, Elon Maddox, Tillman Deane, Samuel C. Rowe. Not Shown - Fostoria Bragg Kite. The class members voted to meet again in two years (2005).

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<b>IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN</b>	<b>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Timothy Gannells, Minister Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study . . . 7:00 p.m.	<b>ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:00 p.m.	<b>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Sam Totten, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:00 p.m.	<b>BETHLEAH METHODIST CHURCH</b> Eddie Phillips-Capes, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study . . . 7:00 p.m.	<b>BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Darryl Caldwell, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study . . . 7:00 p.m.	<b>BRIEF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Tom Smith, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:00 p.m.	<b>BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:00 p.m.	<b>CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Martha Bester Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays . . . 9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays . . . 10:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays . . . 10:00 a.m.	<b>CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST</b> E. H. Hill, Minister Sunday School . . . 12:00 noon 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays . . . 10:00 a.m.	<b>DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:00 p.m.	<b>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting . . . 7:00 p.m.																	
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# SCHOOLS

## Elba Elementary holds Field Day 2003 for students

Elba Elementary School holds a Field Day every year for its students, sort of like a big thank you for sticking it out so long. The children get to stay out of class all day and run around on the football field playing games and eating junk food (cotton candy, soft drinks, skittles, etc.) as their reward for behaving (for the most part) and doing so well throughout the year. They have races and tug-of-war as well as a number of other games.



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by Jessica Lauren Hathcock

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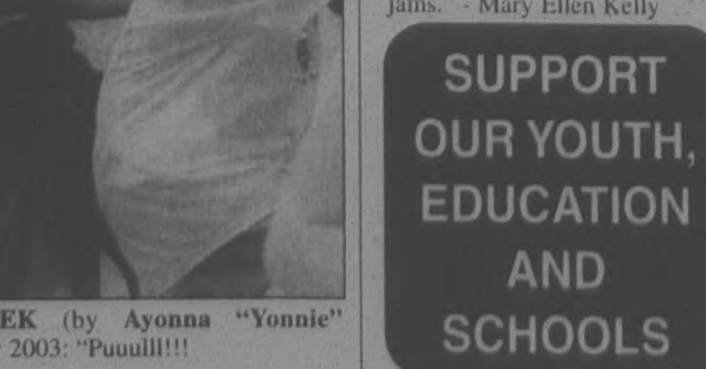
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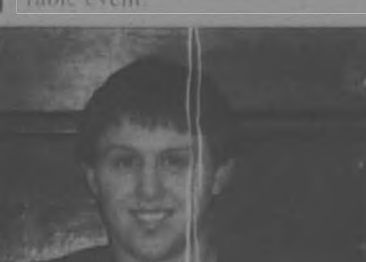
Thurs., May 15 • Honor's Banquet • 6 p.m.  
Wed., May 21 • Awards Day • 8 a.m.  
Thurs., May 22 • Athletic Banquet • 6 p.m.  
Sun., May 25 • Baccalaureate • 100 Baptist Church • 2 p.m.  
Fri., May 30 • Graduation • Football Stadium • 6 p.m.



**Kinston Schools BULLDOG NEWS**  
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## Top two seniors named for Class of 2003

This year's valedictorian at Kinston High School is Tara Williams. The salutatorian is Ashley Johnson.



Ashley Johnson and Tara Williams



Ashley Johnson and Tara Williams

## Students create Civil War newspapers



Mrs. Moody's sixth grade students created "Civil War" newspapers. The students were grouped together and given a list of guidelines to follow. Each newspaper had to include the following: masthead, news articles, editorials, at least one editorial cartoon, graphic drawings, obituary section, and advertising section. Students used a wide variety of resource materials to gather information. This is a yearly project for the sixth grade. They seem to really enjoy it.

Mrs. Moody stated that she believes that the students learn more than just facts about the Civil War. They also learn research and organizational skills. Several students are shown above with samples of the newspapers.

Mrs. Glass's sixth grade classes have been studying the Solar System. The students were paired together and did a "planet presentation." Each group was assigned a planet to research. After the research was complete, the groups then made an oral presentation to the class. The presentation had to include some type of visual aid.



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**HONOR GRADUATES** for the Class of 2003 at Kinston High School include (from left): Ashley Johnson, Matthew McInnis, Tara Williams, Matthew Wilkerson, Elizabeth Farris and Jamie Johnson.



**CLASS OFFICERS**...This group of young people is already finding out what it means to be a senior even though their junior year isn't quite finished. The week after the prom the members of next year's senior class met to vote on officers to represent them as they make choices concerning their activities as a class for the year. Senior Class Officers for the Kinston High School Class of '04 are (from left): President - Samantha Wambles; Vice-president - Bridgett Marlowe; Secretary - Hillary Sumblin; Devotion Leader - Crystal Weeks; Song Leader - Kasie Kelley; and Representative-at-Large - Ashley Rushing. Not pictured is Treasurer - Blake Phillips.



Kinston's FFA Floriculture team placed first at district. These team members include (from left): Elizabeth Farris, Samantha Wambles, Bridgett Marlowe and Jeremy Driver.



Kinston's FFA Nursery-Landscape team placed third at district. These team members include (from left): Jamie Johnson, Matthew Wilkerson, Jim Bedsole and Matthew McInnis.

## Kinston High School softball teams enjoy success in 2003



2003 Kinston Junior Varsity Softball Team



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**Tiger Tales**  
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## Student Spotlight

by Brittany Cooper

This week's student spotlight focuses on Shawna Hill. Shawna is the 17-year-old daughter of Valentina and Ronald Hill. She is a member of Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church, and her hobbies consist of spending time with her family, listening to music, going to the movies, hanging out with her friends and going fishing. During her spare time, she enjoys listening to music and hanging out with her cousins.

Shawna's favorite movie is Con Air, and her favorite sport is basketball.

Shawna is involved in FBLA, and she is the secretary of Spanish Club. Her future plans are to go to LBW College and



Shawna Hill

then later transfer to TSU and major in computer programming. Congratulations to Shawna Hill for being this week's Student Spotlight!!!

## Several band students performed at Solo and Ensemble in Dothan

by Kimberly Farris

On Saturday, May 3, students from the Elba High School and Elba Elementary School bands participated in Solo & Ensemble, which was held in Dothan, Ala.

Students performed prepared solos or ensembles in front of a judge. The judge then scored the students on their performance and gave them a rating, usually a I or a II. I being superior. Each student who received a superior rating for his or her performance was awarded a special medal unlike any other. Many students who took part had never had to play before a judge and while playing for your own teacher can be nerve racking, this was especially distressing, and it took these young people a lot of courage to complete such a task.

The students who attended Solo & Ensemble had a tremendous time meeting new people and making friends from other

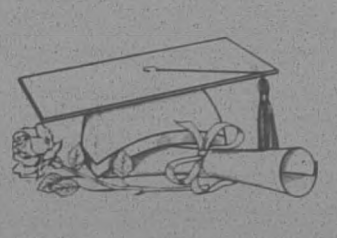
bands. Although we had some difficulties with the weather - wet pants, broken umbrellas, etc. - the day turned out to be quite lovely and the young people had a lot of fun.

Editorial...The Seniors of 2003

by Meredith English

Although the word "senior" is defined in any dictionary, I believe that every class of seniors has its own definition for the word.

The class of 2003 to me would be defined as fun loving, tight-knit, and very opinionated. As a junior, I can't wait to be in the last year of my high school career, but the class



PICTURE OF THE WEEK (by Ayonna "Yonnie" Procter)...From EES Field Day 2003: "Puulllllll!"

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## Brunson family converges on Elba for the 150th year in a row

The 150th Annual Brunson Reunion was held on Saturday, April 26, 2003. Believed to be the oldest tradition in Coffee County, this reunion began here when the County was only twelve years old.

Matthew Brunson, and his wife, Sarah Blanchard drew two land lots in the new County and moved their family here in 1853. The reunion was a celebration of the Patriarch's birthday. It has never been canceled or postponed and has survived the best of times and the worst of times over the last century and a half.

The reunion tradition is more than a get together. It is an event which is planned into the calendar of the family members each year. Usual attendance is about four hundred relatives, however this year being the Sesquicentennial Celebration, more than five hundred family members attended from across the nation.

Attendees were greeted with perfect spring weather for the event. As relatives left Brunson Hill and began the descent to the ten acre picnic grounds on the farm of Judge Marion Brunson they were greeted by a path of patriotic and colorful flags on both sides of the road.

A musical program began at 11:00 a.m. and was coordinated by Jack E. Brunson of Elba. Participants were: Sue Bass Wilson of Andalusia; Norman and Linda Smith Johns of Enterprise; Foyel Brunson of

Pinkard; Jackie Brunson Crowell and Beth Doom of Enterprise and Darren Michael of New Brockton.

A portrait of family Patriarch Matthew Brunson was displayed under the shelter for his family to enjoy. The gathering is traditionally on his birthday and the family commemorated the occasion by singing "Happy Birthday" as they celebrated and honored him in appreciation for launching the continuing great legacy.

**Matthew Brunson**  
family patriarch

American flag on the flag pole in the picnic area flew over the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor when Jason Brunson re-enlisted in service last year. It was brought to the reunion by Foyel Brunson, Jason's father. The Pledge to the flag was led by Bailey Brunson.

The traditional barbecue lunch was prepared by Foyel Brunson and a family cooking crew and the excellent hash prepared by Greg and Christopher Brunson along with rice was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. The long table filled to capacity with vegetables, salads and deserts were also greatly enjoyed.

As family members departed they were already planning to meet again on April 17, 2004 and continue the legacy of annual gatherings which has kept the Brunson family close for a century and a half.



FAMILY MEMBERS from across the nation and around the world made the pilgrimage home to Elba. Representing their states are 1 to 1: Florida; Dr. Jeana Brunson of Tallahassee; Colorado: Peggy Brunson Carter of Carrollton; Ohio: Mildred Tillis Arnold of Columbus; Alabama: Hope Huey Lane of Enterprise; Africa: Patrick Brunson, Baptist Medical Missionary, (originally from Samson) of Tanzania; West Virginia: Jeannette Henley Wolfe of Moorefield; North Carolina: Curtis Bell Dockerty of Andrews.



As whispers across the ages and in honor of those now in military service flew an American flag from the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.



THIS OLD wire spool converted into a fine picnic table for the group on the left while the ladies on the right were content with a bench in the shade of a large pine tree.



OLDEST FAMILY MEMBERS attending the reunion are Luther Arnold, age 97, of Columbus, Ohio and Ruth Brunson Mason, of Dothan, AL, age 93.



Another generation of Brunsons crosses First Branch on a fallen log. This branch has been a favorite play spot for generations of Brunson children. If these rippling waters could talk these waters could enlighten many a parent!



From generation to generation across 150 years Patriarch Matthew Brunson overseas activities as his great, great grandson welcomes the family home to commemorate his birthday. Seventh and eighth generation descendants attended.



This young child wasn't interested in the abundant food available under the shed, she found a cute puppy to pet.



BETSY BRUNSON MARTIN of Elba highlights the sesquicentennial year. The City of Elba, Elba United Methodist Church and the Brunson Reunion all celebrate 150 years in 2003.



GATHERED TOGETHER and living the legacy family members enjoy the cool shade of the shelter. They are reminded that where others have their branches, the Brunsons have our roots here in Coffee County, Alabama.



EXPERIENCED PICNICKERS are easy to spot. They have everything needed for family members of all ages to participate and enjoy such a special event. Above at least three generations have the proper furniture and utensils to enjoy their day in the sun.

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Views from....  
**THE PRESSBOX**

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I read somewhere one time that when God realized that he couldn't be everywhere at the same time He decided to invent Mothers. I don't know if that's true, but if it is He sure picked a good substitute. All Moms deserve their own day and I hope all of you know just how much you mean to us all!

**SWINGS AND MISSES...**

The Elba Lady Tigers saw their softball season come to an end Saturday afternoon in Montgomery when they were swept by Alabama Christian Academy 10-0 and 5-1. The Lady Tigers rolled through the regular season undefeated and carried a .85 state ranking and a 2-3-4 record into the sub-state match-up. However, it was easy to see why Alabama Christian had won three of the past five state fast-pitch championships and was the defending state champion in Class 3A as the Montgomery team dominated both at the plate and in the field to earn a spot in this weekend's state tournament. Elba was shaky in the field in both games and committed a total of 13 errors in the two losses, while at the plate the Lady Tigers managed only six hits and struck out 25 times. It was obvious that Alabama Christian had been playing fast-pitch for six years, compared to only two years for Elba. While Elba's freshman pitcher Stephanie Baxley did allow 16 hits in the two games and struck out only four batters, the Lady Tiger standout allowed only four earned runs in the two games and in the second game held Alabama Christian to only one run through five innings. Baxley had a quite a freshman season on the pitching rubber for Elba, and no doubt learned a lot last week, and that will make her even better next season. Elba managed only six hits in the two games combined on Saturday, but Lady Tiger outfielder Haleigh Duncan may have had her best day of the season as she went 4 for 5 with two doubles, and scored the only Elba run. Duncan grounded out in her other plate appearance, and was the only Lady Tiger that didn't strike out against the outstanding pitchers from Alabama Christian. While Elba was outmatched Saturday in its losses to Alabama Christian, the Lady Tigers should have learned what fast-pitch softball is all about at the next level of competition. Now that Elba has discovered it can win and has as many athletes as any other team in its class, maybe next season the Lady Tigers will play a much tougher schedule to get ready for another run at the state tournament. Wins are nice, but a team only gets better by playing tough competition, and Elba is ready to take that next step.

I think Mike Shula was a perfect fit for the head coaching position at the University of Alabama and believe that all Bama fans will rally behind the former Crimson Tide quarterback and help him, and the program through some tough years ahead. The decision makers at Alabama had chosen to go outside the Alabama family, for their last two head coaches and both decisions came back to haunt them. This decision was an easy one as I see it, and should have been made before Mike Price came to town. It takes someone that has been involved in the SEC and Alabama football to understand just what it is all about, and Shula fits the bill. It will be interesting to see just what Coach Shula keeps on his staff, but for once the head job is sold and the Tide appears to be finally headed in the right direction.

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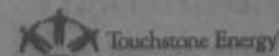
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**Fall to Alabama Christian 10-0, 5-1****Elba Lady Tigers ousted in sub-state series**

The Elba Lady Tigers traveled to Montgomery on Saturday afternoon to battle the Alabama Christian Academy Lady Eagles in a Class 3A Sub-State softball series and found out first hand just why the Lady Eagles were the defending state champs as Alabama Christian handed Elba a 10-0 and 5-1 defeat.

The wins upped Alabama Christian's record to 29-13-2 and moved the Lady Eagles into this week's state tournament, while Elba ended its season with a 23-6 record.

Following are highlights of last week's baseball and softball action:

**A.C.A. 10****ELBA 0**

Alabama Christian combined 10 hits with six Elba errors to roll to a 10-0 win over the Lady Tigers, in the opening game of the best-of-three series.

A bunt single by Elba's Kristen Barnes in the top of the third was the only hit the Lady Tigers managed over the first three innings. However, Alabama Christian found far more success at the plate and used five hits and one Elba error to grab a 4-0 lead after three innings of play.

The Lady Eagles carried the 4-0 lead into the bottom of the fourth, and then put the game away as Alabama Christian combined three hits with five Elba errors to place six runs and its lead to 10-0. Elba failed to get an out on three straight Alabama Christian bunts as the Lady Eagles quickly loaded the

**A.C.A. 5****ELBA 1**

Alabama Christian's Paige Kennedy tossed a 4-hitter and struck out 18 batters to lead the Lady Eagles to a 5-1 win over Elba in game two, to complete the two-game sweep.

The Lady Eagles pushed across an unearned run in the top of the first to grab a quick 1-0 lead, and that was how the score remained through five innings as Elba's Stephanie Baxley and Alabama Christian's Paige Kennedy locked up in a pitching duel.

The low-scoring battle turned into an A.C.A. victory party in the top of the sixth; however, as the Lady Eagles combined three hits with six Elba errors to place four runs and extend their lead to 5-0.

Elba finally got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the seventh when Haleigh Duncan

**Championship "B"**

Timothy Jackson 77-70-147  
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David Haley 78-76-154  
Kenneth Nolin 78-76-154  
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**First Flight**

Rex Jackson 81-77-158  
Chris Maddaloni 83-76-159  
Ricky Smith 83-78-161  
Donnie Williams 82-80-162  
Gene Strickland 83-81-164  
Mike Kelley 84-80-164

**Second Flight**

Myrtie Marler 86-82-168  
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The Wiregrass Chapter, ASMC invites interested golfers to participate in its second annual Scholarship and Community Services Golf Tournament. The tournament will be a four-person scramble and will be held on June 26, 2003 at the Silver Wings Golf Course, Fort Rucker, Alabama. Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. until noon, with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start.

Entry fee is \$35.00 per player, which includes golf cart, green fees and lunch. Two mulligans can be purchased for an additional \$5.00 (limit 2 per player). Players who sign up by 17 July will receive one free mulligan. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams plus door prizes will be given away throughout the day.

Golfers who would like to play in the tournament should leave a phone number and detailed message for WO1 Timothy Robinson at 503-9146.

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Elba Lady Tiger Lacy Carlisle squares to bunt in last week's sub-state action against Alabama Christian. Elba saw its season end with two losses on Saturday.

including a double, and scored one run to lead Elba at the plate, while Michelle Carpenter added a single. Stephanie Baxley was the losing pitcher in the game as she allowed 5 runs (no earned runs) on 5 hits, with 2 strikeouts. Alabama Christian's Paige Kennedy got the win by tossing a 4-hitter and striking out 18 batters.



Elba's Justin Allen won the Elba Country Club championship last weekend with a 4-under par 138 total for 36 holes.

**Elba Tiger golfers finish second at 3A, Section 1 tournament**

The Elba Tiger golf team competed in the Alabama High School Athletic Association's Class 3A, Section 1 golf tournament last week at Montgomery's Lagoon Park and fired an 18-hole total of 302 to place second, one shot behind section champion Montgomery Academy.

Montgomery Academy and Elba both qualified for this week's state tournament, in Mobile, while other teams in the annual event included TR Rucker (368) and W.S. Neal (379).

Elba's Colby Capps claimed medalist honors with a one-under par 71, while other team scores from Elba included Bart Barnes 77, Justin Allen 77, Timothy Jackson 77 and Ben Dye 87.

Elba Tiger golfer Colby Capps fired a one-under par 71 to claim medalist honors last week at the Class 3A, Section 1 golf tournament played at the Lagoon Park golf course in Montgomery.

## SPORTS

**Braves Chance Goosby and Chace Sauls combine to toss back-to-back no-hitters in Dixie Minor Baseball League action**

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation continued its baseball and softball seasons last week and grabbing the weekly spotlight was the Braves' pitching duo of Chance Sauls and Chace Sauls, who combined to toss two straight no-hitters.

Goosby pitched 7 innings and struck out 15 batters to lead the Braves, while Chace Sauls chipped in with 6 strike-outs in three innings of work on the mound.

Following are highlights of last week's baseball and softball action:

**BASEBALL****Tee-Ball Baseball League**

\*\*\* Red Sox vs. White Sox - Scoring 2 runs for the Red Sox were Kenneth Amison, Noah Sims, Talon Flowers, Clay Kelley, Tanner Hudson, Chase Moseley, Tanner Skinner, Jr. Wisdom, Shaun Carter, Grant Akridge, Marc Hall, Troy Funk, Ty Stewart and Deshawn Edwards. Scoring 2 runs for the White Sox were Avery Hanchey, Miguel Banks, Michael Smith, Braxton Robinson, Nicholas Johnson, Tyree Sistrunk, Keeshaun Terry, Austin McWaters, Elijah Yelverton, Dequan Austin, Dequan Jordan and Tripp Hudson.

\*\*\* Red Sox vs. Giants - Scoring 2 runs for the Red Sox were J. Wisdom, Shawn Carter, Grant Akridge, Marquarius Hall, Troy Funk, Ty Stewart, Deshawn Edwards, Kenneth Amison, Noah Sims, Talon Flowers, Clay Kelley, Tanner Hudson, Chase Moseley and Tanner Skinner. Scoring 2 runs for the Giants were Steven Wood, Jaykin Kyle, Payton Wilkerson, Tahish Kyles, Logan Davis, Jayup Smith, B.J. Free, Brosnan Cooks, Zack Odum and Denzell Thomas.

Machine-Pitch Baseball League  
\*\*\* Yankees 8 Indians 4 - The Yankees pulled ahead early and held on to defeat the Indians 8-4. Austin Johnson scored 2 runs to lead the Yankees, while Harry Griffin, Garrett Dunn, Christopher Ellis and Anphernee Canty all scored 1 run. Scoring one run for the Indians were Kyson Edwards, Caleb Martin and Chip Curkie.

\*\*\* Yankees 14 Expos 12 - The Yankees used defense to edge the Expos 14-12. Austin Johnson scored 2 runs to lead the Yankees, while Harry Griffin, Ashton Senn, Cobe Goosby, Anphernee Canty, Octavious Bonham and Eric Cole all scored 1 run. Hayden Distell scored 2 runs for the Expos, while Brennan Schindler, Justin Pope, Elba used a four-run fourth

inning to grab the lead and held on to defeat New Brockton 7-5. Adam Henderson had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Elba, while Creel had one hit to lead New Brockton.

\*\*\* Snappers 32 Wizards 10 - The Snappers scored almost at will to outscore the Wizards 32-10. Leading the Snappers at the plate were Paige Weeks, Maggie Johnson, Caitlin Cooper, Ty Carpenter, Paige Dewberry, Reagan Kelley, Raven Jones, Brittany Compton, Briana Moore, Sarah Bryan, Realita Singletary, Meagan Concannon, Chelees Spann, Brinley Williams, Jesslyn McKenzie and Mandy Mallory. Mary Brunson scored 3 runs to lead the Wizards, while Briana Echols, Thomas added 2 runs.

Dixie Angels Softball League  
\*\*\* Cannons 17 New Brockton 6 - The Cannons scored runs in bunches to outscore New Brockton 17-6. Camery Matthews scored 3 runs to lead the Cannons, while Briana Jackson, Jessica Whitfield, Emily Allen and Silena Kilcrease all scored 2 runs. Chelsea Holloway scored 2 runs for New Brockton.

\*\*\* Bees 20 New Brockton 13 - The Bees overcame a scoreless first inning to claim a wild 20-13 win over New Brockton. Aspen Foushee and Nikki Prentym both scored 3 runs to lead the Bees, while Kei-Auna Edwards, Sarah Bane, Molly McGuire, Ashley Snell and Karmah Yelverton all scored 2 runs. Kimberly Stevenson scored 2 runs for New Brockton.

\*\*\* Bees 14 Lil Slammers 8 - The Bees scored runs in bunches to defeat the Opp Lil Slammers 14-8. Scoring 2 runs for the Bees were Selina Stokes, Aaliyah Horstead, Kei-Auna Edwards, Sarah Bane, Molly McGuire and Aspen Foushee.

\*\*\* Zion Chapel 5 Cannons 3 - Zion Chapel pulled ahead early and held on late to down the Cannons 5-3. Kayla Hurd had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Zion Chapel, while Hannah Morgan had 1 hit and scored 1 run for the Cannons.

Dixie Ponysall Softball League  
\*\*\* River Bats 15 Zion Chapel 6 - The River Bats scored 8 runs in the opening inning to take charge and rolled up a 15-6 win over the Zion Chapel Reds. Brittany Johnson scored 3 runs to lead the River Bats, while Meagan Sulivant, Amanda Geddings, Nicole

Wallace, Kierra Robertson and Ashley Woodson all scored 2 runs. Leana Vinson scored 2 runs for Zion Chapel.

Dixie Belles Softball League  
\*\*\* River Bandits 12 Opp Wildcats 11 - The River Bandits blew an early 9-3 lead and had to rally late to sneak past the Opp Wildcats 12-11. Ashli Chandler and Alyssa Walden both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the River Bandits, while Tierney Starks added 2 hits and scored 1 run and Kayla Miller added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Hickman, Vaughan and Kervin all had 2 hits and scored 2 runs for the Wildcats.

\*\*\* Blues 17 Opp Eagles 7 - The Blues pulled to an early 14-1 lead and turned back a late rally to defeat the Opp Eagles 17-7. Valerie Hutcherson had 3 hits and scored 3 runs to lead the Blues, while Summer Stricklin had 2 hits and scored 3 runs. Haley Stinson, Brittany Caldwell, Krystan Parker and Heather Reeves all added 2 hits and scored 2 runs, while Melanie Mularz added 1 hit and scored 2 runs.

Mens Softball League  
\*\*\* Dorsey White 23 BBI 14 - Jeff Kelley got 4 hits, including 3 home-runs, to lead Dorsey White, while Jeremy Osborn, Terrell Hammonds, Britt Grimes and Jessie Whitfield all added 3 hits. Tim Tidwell had 3 hits to lead BBI.

\*\*\* BBI 21 Dorsey White 9 - Jimmy Smart, Tim Tidwell, Rex Jackson, Todd McKee and Giles Bryan all had 3 hits to lead BBI. Jessie Whitfield had 2 hits for Dorsey.

\*\*\* Work Release 25 Dorsey 9 - Appling had 5 hits to lead Work Release, while Wood, Skinner and Teel all added 4 hits. Chris Danley had 3 hits for Dorsey.

\*\*\* Dorsey Red 23 Work Release 22 - Josh Carney had 4 hits to lead Dorsey, while Ray Smith, Shaun Corbin, Jessie Whitfield, Chris Danley and Wayne Ham all added 3 hits. Johnson had 4 hits for Work Release, while Wood, Appling, Williams and Wambles all added 3 hits.

\*\*\* Work Release 20 Dairy Queen 12 - Appling, Brown and Wambles all scored 3 runs for Work Release. Greg Parker hit 2 home-runs for the Dairy Queen, while Mike Williams, Adam Brookins and Jamie Hudson all scored 2 runs.

\*\*\* Dairy Queen 19 Work Release 2 - Bailey Bowers, Greg Parker and Mike Williams all scored 3 runs for the Dairy Queen. Howard and Wambles scored the Work Release runs.

**BASEBALL & SOFTBALL SCHEDULES****BASEBALL**

Tee-Ball Baseball  
(Games at H-W Park, Field #3)  
Thursday, May 15  
6:00 - Braves vs. Red Sox  
Tuesday, May 20  
6:00 - Sox vs. Red Sox  
Thursday, May 22  
6:00 - Sox vs. Giants

Machine-Pitch Baseball  
(Games at H-W Park, Field #2)  
Thursday, May 15  
6:00 - Indians vs. Yankees  
Tuesday, May 20  
6:00 - Expos vs. Yankees  
Thursday, May 22  
6:00 - Expos vs. Indians

Dixie Minor Baseball  
Thursday, May 15  
In Elba,  
6:00 - Reds vs. Kinston  
7:30 - Blue Jays vs. ZC Red  
In Kinston,  
6:00 - Kinston #1 vs. NB Red  
7:30 - Kinston #2 vs. NB Gray  
Friday, May 16  
In Samson,  
6:00 - Yankees vs. New Brockton  
7:30 - Cubs vs. Kinston #1  
Saturday, May 17  
In Zion Chapel,  
1:00 - ZC Red vs. Braves  
3:00 - ZC Black vs. Samson  
Braves  
5:00 - ZC Red vs. Kinston #2

**SOFTBALL**

Coach-Pitch Softball  
(Games at H-W Park, Field #1)  
Monday, May 19  
6:00 - Snappers vs. Wizards  
Dixie Angels Softball  
Dixie Ponysall Softball  
Thursday, May 15  
In Elba,  
6:00 - New Brockton vs. Lil Cats  
7:30 - ZC #1 vs. River Bats  
In Opp,  
5:30 - Slammers vs. Cannons  
7:00 - Wildcats vs. Red Wings  
Friday, May 16  
In Elba,  
6:00 - ZC vs. NB  
7:30 - ZC #1 vs. ZC #2  
Monday, May 19  
In Elba,  
6:00 - Cannons vs. New Brockton  
7:30 - River Bats vs. ZC #1  
Tuesday, May 20  
In Elba,  
6:00 - Bees vs. New Brockton  
7:30 - Red Wings vs. ZC #1

Mens Softball  
(Games at H-W Park, Field #3)  
Thursday, May 15  
7:00 - BBI vs. Dorsey Red (DH)  
Monday, May 19  
7:00 - Dorsey Red vs. Dairy Queen (DH)  
Tuesday, May 20  
7:00 - Work Release vs. BBI (DH)

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**Elba's Michelle Lewis headed back to Junior College Softball World Series**

Michelle Lewis, of Elba, will take the field for the last time in her two-year college softball career in the National Junior College Athletic Association Softball World Series.

Lewis is a member of the Lady Governors from Wallace Community College in Dothan. The Lady Govies won the state championship for the second consecutive year and will play their first game of the tournament on Thursday, May 15. The Lady Govies finished their season at 41-4, ranked fourth in the nation.

Michelle attended Crenshaw Christian Academy where she played shortstop for three years for Coach Rex Wallace. During her freshman year at WCC, she played shortstop and hit .346 with a homerun, 24 RBIs, and 14 stolen bases.

Michelle is the daughter of Keith and Lyn Lewis.

**Let's Go...****Outdoors with Ben**

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



**Reducing wildlife damage  
on farm and in garden**

With spring turkey season over, many outdoor enthusiasts are turning to gardening for an outdoor activity. Home grown vegetables are delicious to man and wildlife, and that's where a problem arises. Man has been battling crop depredation and livestock losses from wild animals since the first settlers arrived. The large animals that our forefathers had to contend with like bears, mountain lions and wolves didn't survive in our area, but a few others have adapted well. Dr. James Armstrong, a wildlife scientist with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System says deer are responsible for the most crop depredation statewide.

With a population of 1.4 million deer or about 28 deer per square mile, they damage fields and gardens of soybeans, strawberries, peas, corn and other crops. Some farmers in west Alabama have been forced to stop planting soybeans in certain fields because the deer literally eat the crop up before the beans can mature. Hunting clubs that plant summer food plots often experience the same problem when deer devour the food plot early on leaving little browse for the remainder of the summer. Farmers and gardeners have tried commercial deer repellent, human hair, mothballs, gas cans, soap and electric fences to keep deer away with varied success.

"Electric fencing is probably the most cost effective deer repellent," said Dr. Armstrong. "Erect an electric fence before planting, using a single wire 30 inches from the ground. Attach strips of aluminum foil coated with a mixture of peanut butter and peanut oil every three feet. When the deer gets a shock on the tongue, it will usually avoid the fence." Although the electric fence and peanut butter and oil combination has proven the most effective, Armstrong says there has been limited success using soap. He recommends hanging bars of soap from branches 3 feet from the ground.

Wild hogs are becoming more of a problem each year. There have even been reports of damage to suburban yards and golf courses from these four-legged bulldozers. Hog experts say it is almost impossible to eradicate a wild hog herd. Heavy hunting pressure and trapping using box and corral traps can reduce the population.

Coyotes are usually thought of as livestock killers, but they have a real appetite for sweet corn, watermelons, cantaloupes and strawberries. Dr. Armstrong says the electric fence is also the best defense against this cunning predator. "Use a high tensile electric wire beginning 6 inches from the ground and spaced every 6 inches apart to a height of 5 feet to keep coyotes out," said Armstrong.

Deer, coyotes, and wild hogs can be a pest, but with some planning and electric fence wire, they can be controlled. We could have it much worse just imagine how great, great granddaddy felt when he strolled into his vegetable garden only to find a giant grizzly bear chomping down on his sweet corn. Kind of puts things into perspective, doesn't it?

**Mike Johnston and Jeff Smith get first wins of season in South Alabama Speedway racing**

By Mark Chisum

Mike Johnston and Jeff Smith picked up their first wins of the 2003 racing season Saturday night at South Alabama Speedway. Johnston cruised to the win in the Modified Feature, while Rick Northey third. Blackburn slid back to fourth, followed by David Ashley.

In the Roadrunner Feature, Kim Bishop made a charge to the front, but got big breaks when three other frontrunners dropped out of the race. Ricky Osborn led the first 10 laps of the race before Will Mack took the lead. While Mack was wrestling the lead away from Osborn, Todd Boswell, running third ahead of Bishop fell off of the pace. Osborn was the next to go, moving Bishop to second behind Mack. During a lap 13 caution, Mack pulled into the pits, handing the lead to Bishop. Bishop led the rest of the way, holding off Gary Morse for the win. Jimmy Hagar was third with Morris Manley fourth and Joseph Chandler fifth.

In the Mini Sportsman Feature, Greg Adams led all 20 laps to take the win. Tim Adams finished second, coming from the thirteenth starting spot. Allen Cherry was third, Dwain Malloy fourth, and Burl Brunson fourth.

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Baccalaureate - Sunday, May 18, 2003  
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Bart Barnes  
Elba High School  
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**KINSTON HIGH SCHOOL**  
Graduation - Friday, May 30, 2003  
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Baccalaureate - Sunday, May 25, 2003  
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Tara Williams  
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Amanda Perry  
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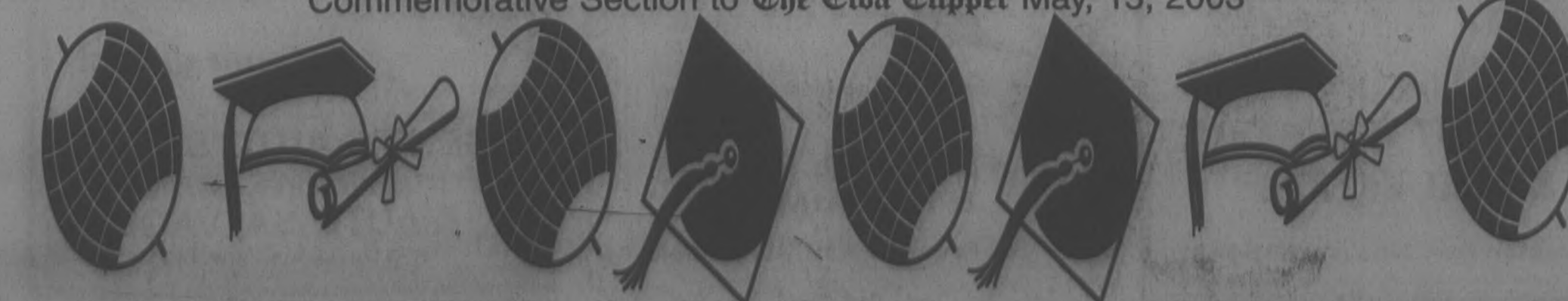
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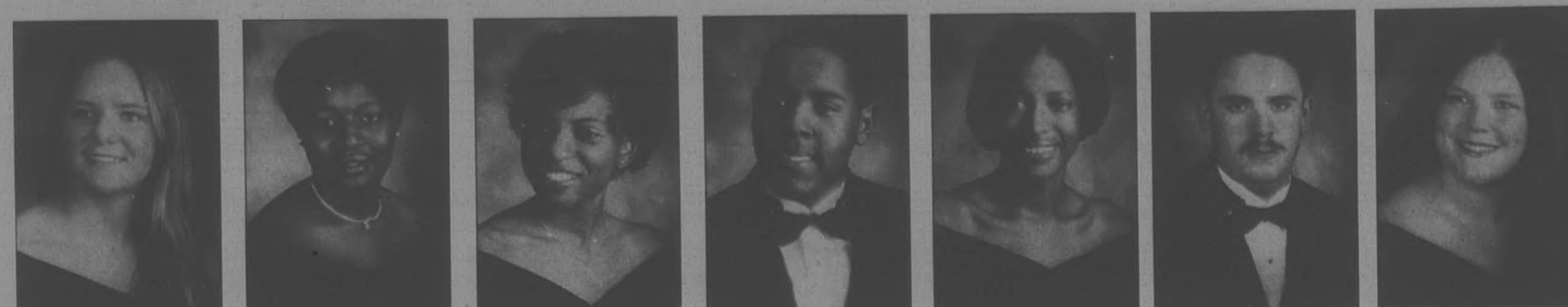


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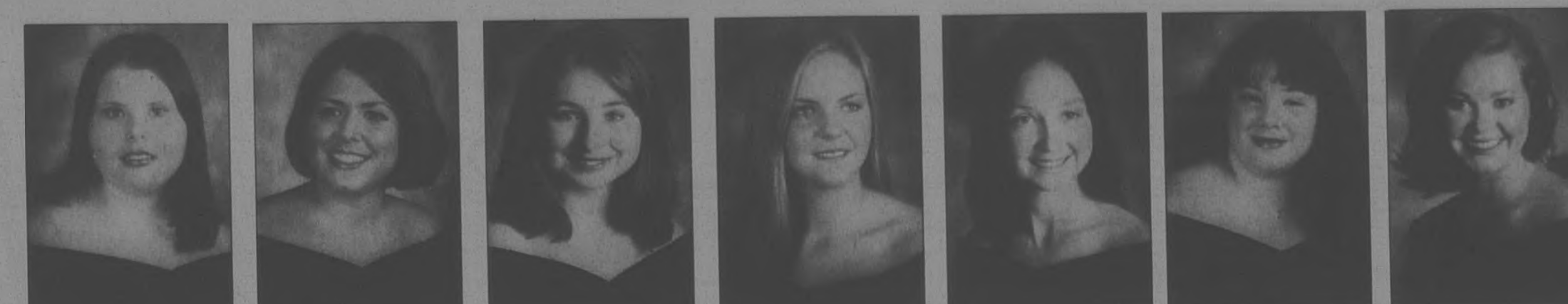
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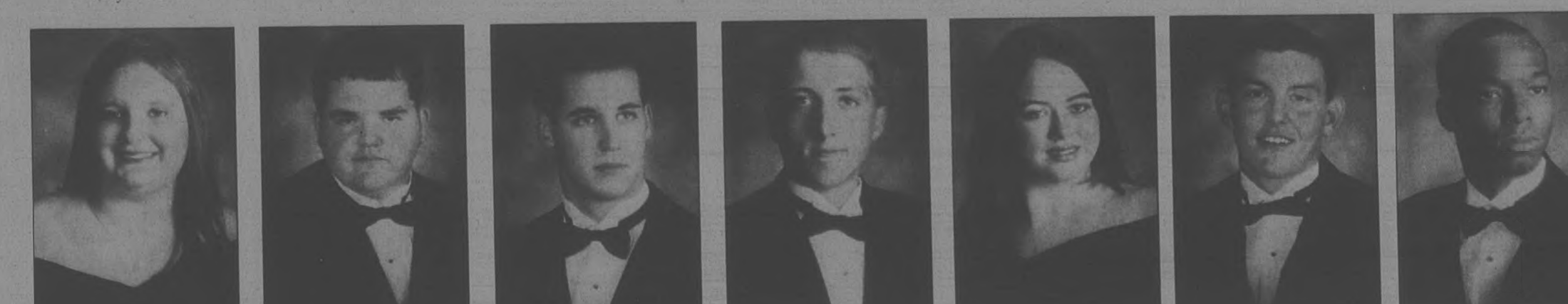
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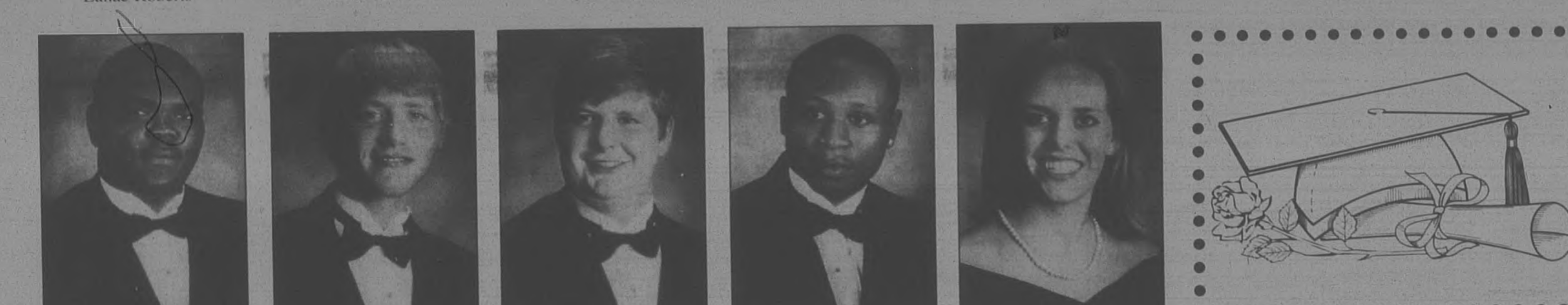
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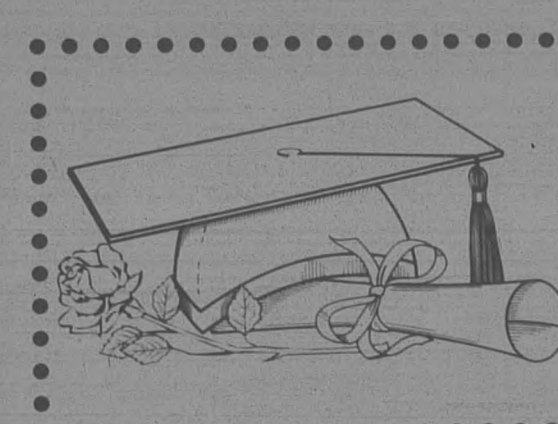
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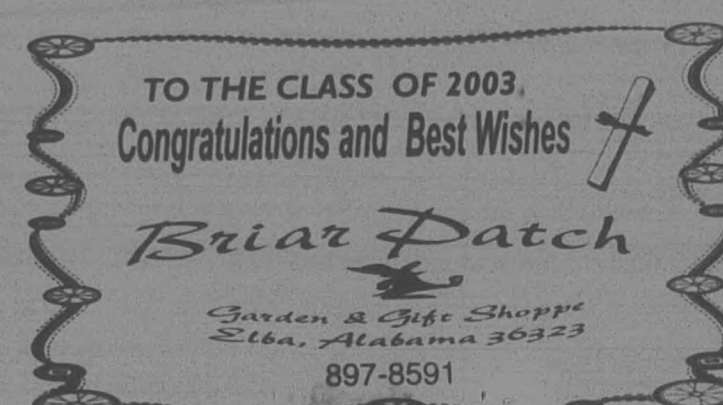
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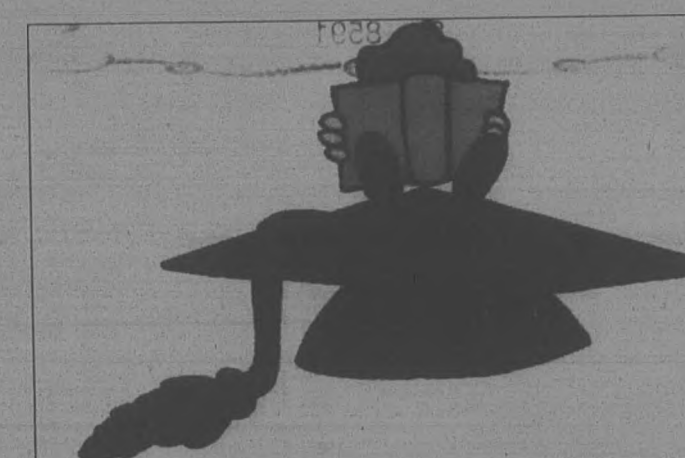


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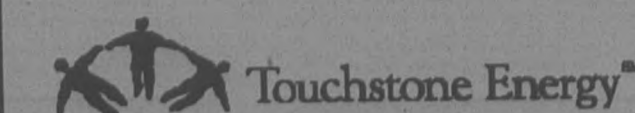
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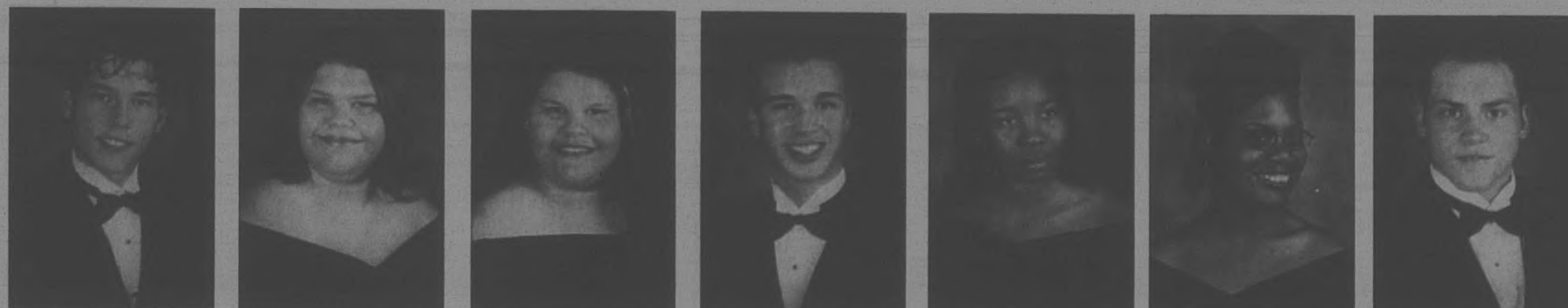
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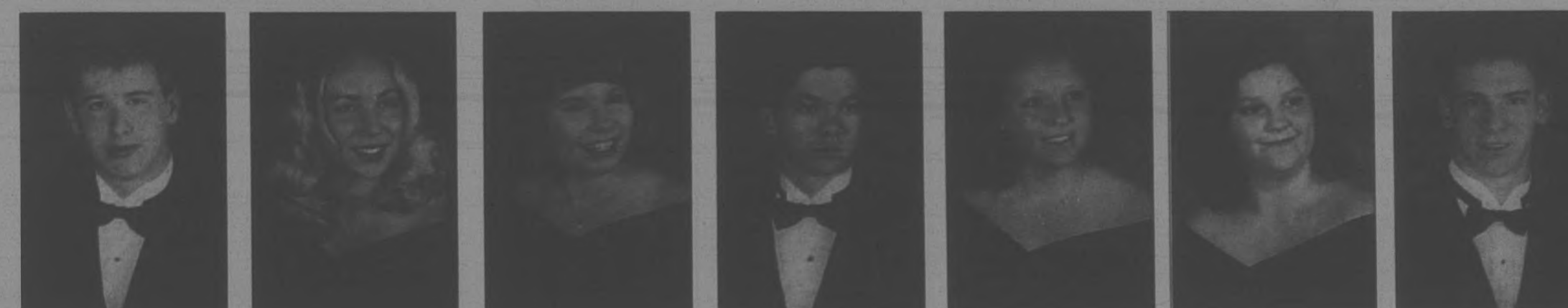
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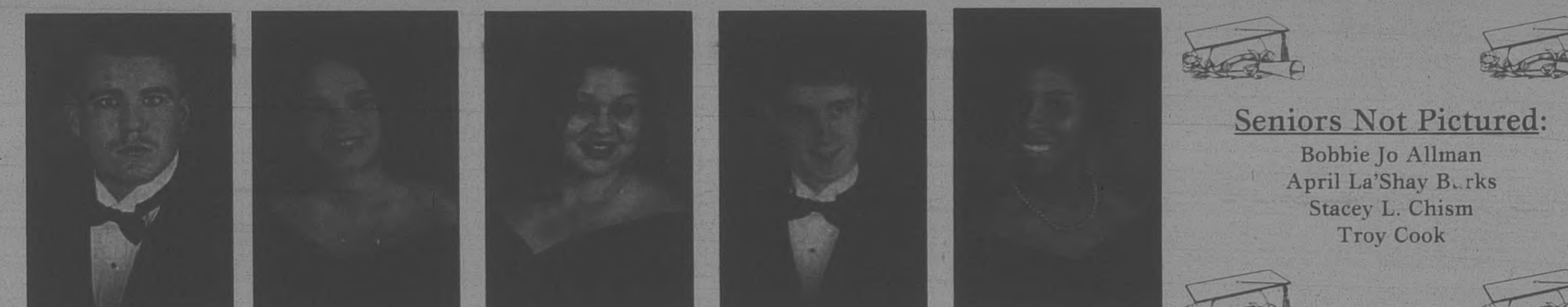
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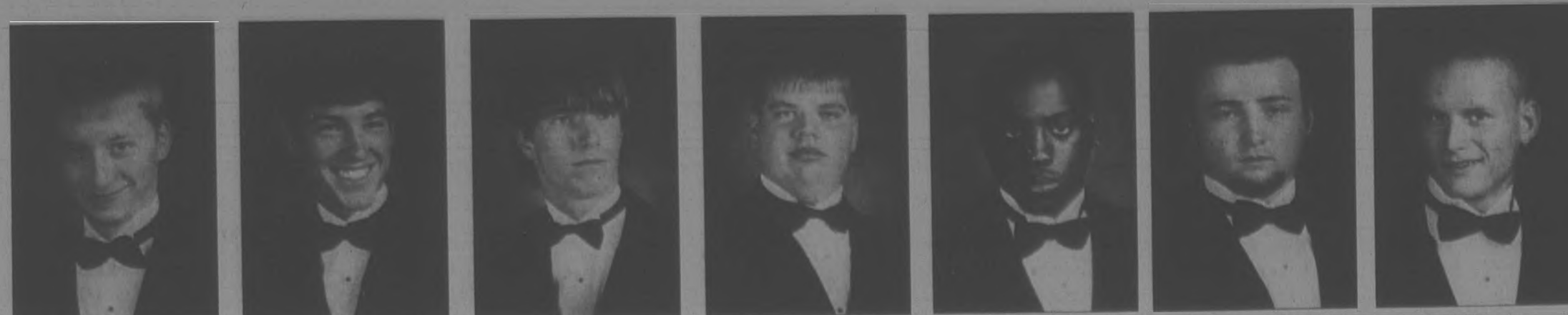
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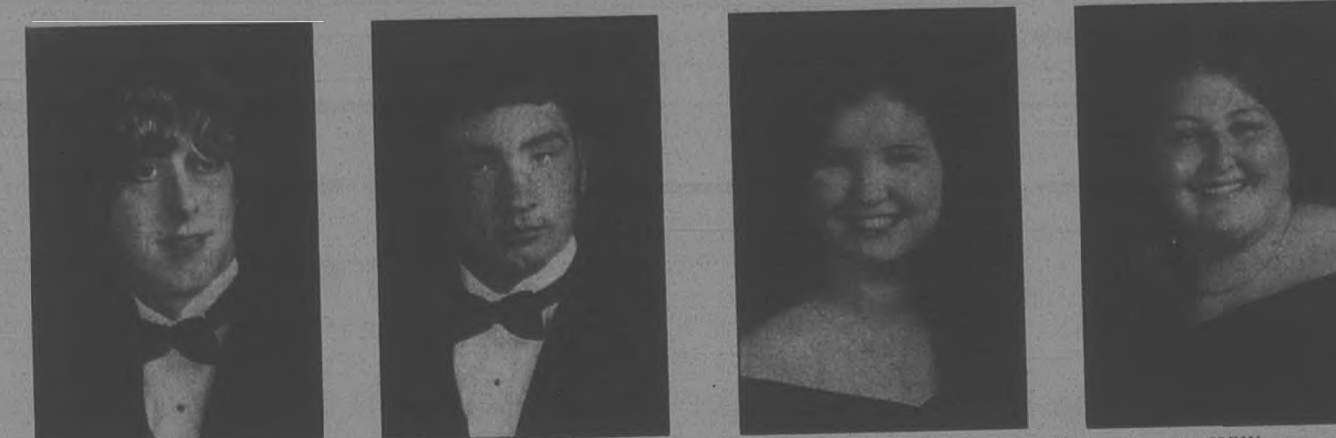
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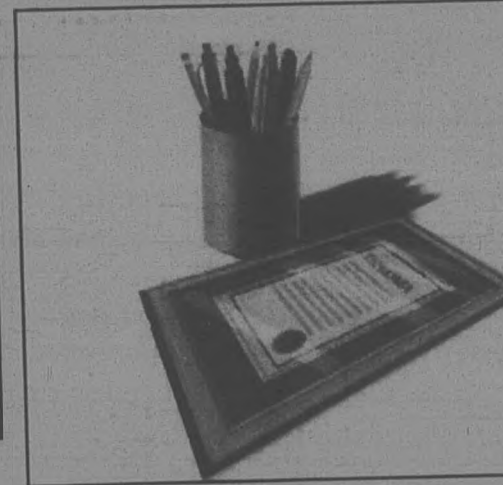
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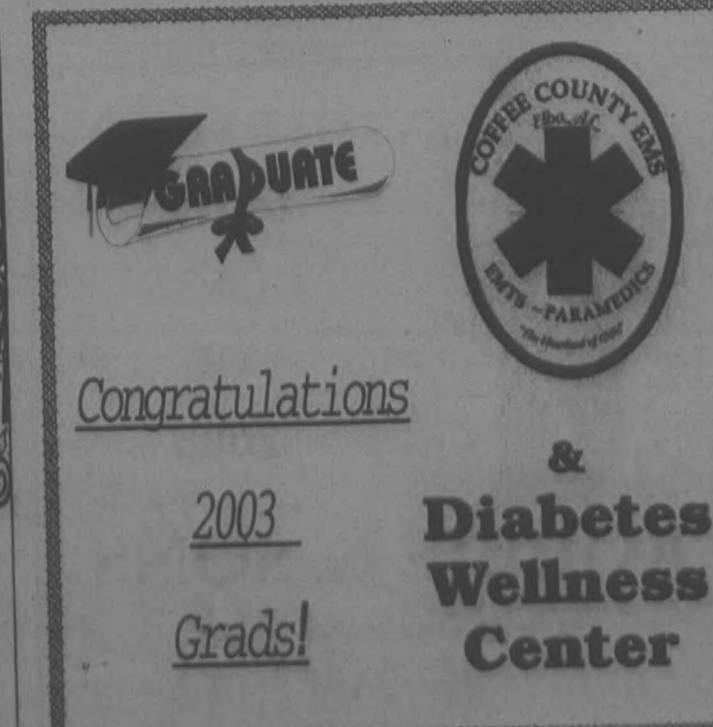
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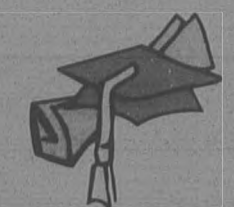
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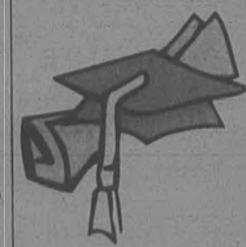
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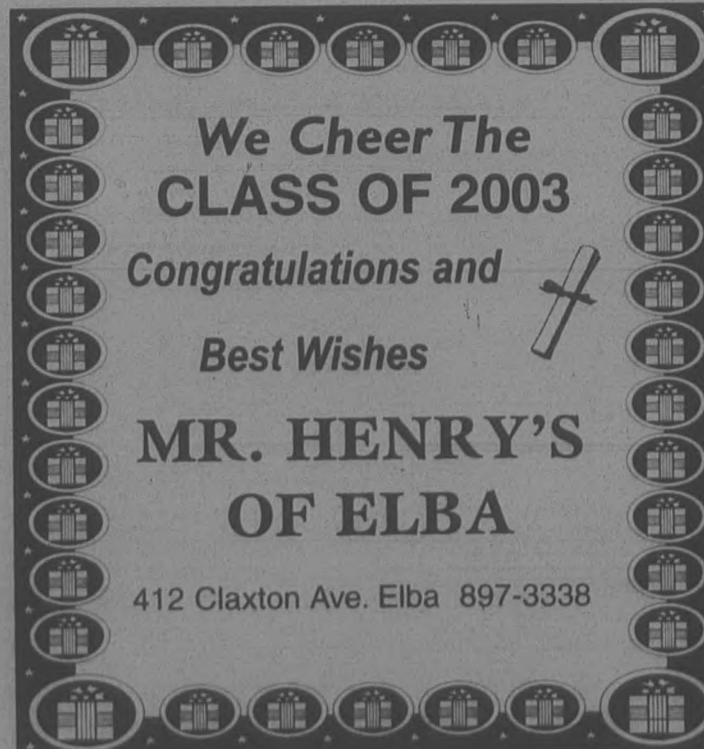
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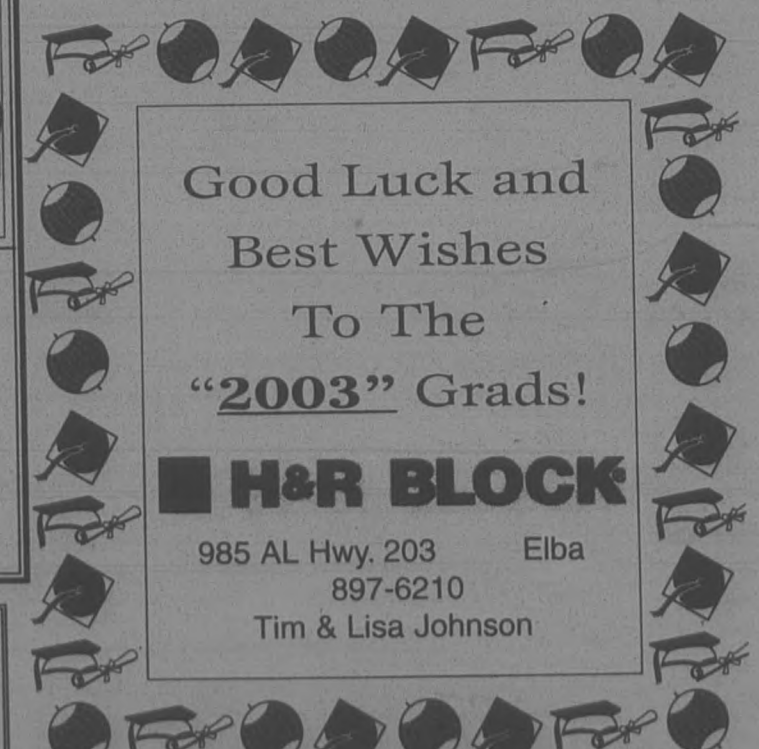
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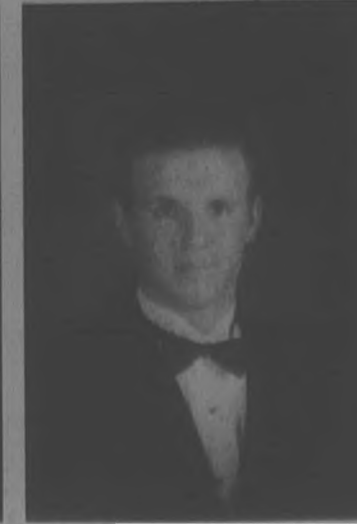
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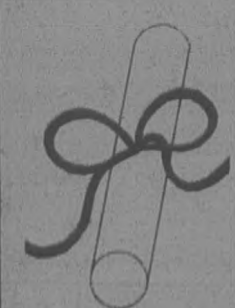


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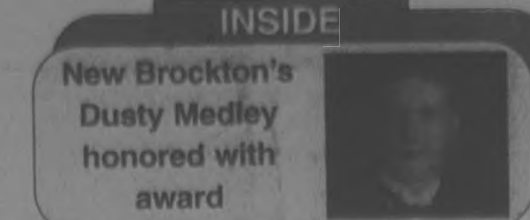
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## Solemn luminary ceremony highlights Coffee County's annual Relay for Life



**HOPE AND FAITH PREVAILED** as cancer survivors, friends and family members turned out by the hundreds last Friday evening to light luminaries in honor of and/or memory of cancer survivors and victims. The annual Relay For Life gathering is held each year on the campus of Enterprise Jr. College and support continues to grow. Above Debbie Curran, of Elba, is shown preparing to light one of the thousands of luminaries placed around the college track field. She was participating as part of the Relay for Life team from Elba United Methodist Church.

## Elba schools planning no program cuts

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Elba School Superintendent Danny Weeks said this week that the Elba City School Board would continue "business as usual" in wake of the much reported shortfall in state education dollars.

Weeks explained that for many years the Elba system has routinely issued pink slips to all non-tenured staff members at the end of the year. Then when state funding matters are clearer, personnel are rehired.

The superintendent explained that past cost-cutting and dedication of administrators, teachers and support staff has placed Elba in the enviable position of having a strong financial sheet to help with the carry over into the new year. Adding to that is the new City of Elba alcohol tax, which is expected to support at least one teacher unit each year.

### \*NOTICE\*

The Coffee County Local Emergency Planning Committee will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27, in the Coffee County Commission community room.

This meeting is required by Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1980).

A public hearing on the Coffee County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan will also be conducted and all interested persons are encouraged to attend.

For additional information, please contact the Elba County Emergency Management Agency at 897-3393.

With budget questions still unanswered by state

## County BOE forced to begin cutbacks

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education held a special called meeting Tuesday evening, May 13, and although several topics were discussed, the main purpose of the meeting seemed to be to handle some personnel matters.

Despite trying to be patient and hopeful, Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram said information from state officials is not encouraging, especially concerning budgets. She said some talk indicates it could be as late as August or September before budgets are released.

A special session of the legislature has been called; however, the school officials seemed to agree the system could not continue to operate on the unknown leading to current and upcoming personnel changes.

The following personnel changes were recommended by Ingram Tuesday evening and approved by a unanimous vote of the board:

\* Accept the resignation of Trent Trawick as head softball coach at New Brockton High School.

\* Accept the resignation of John Donaldson as head football coach at Zion Chapel High School.

\* Accept the resignation of Barbara Cole as girls basketball coach at New Brockton High School.

\* Transfer Evelyn Carpenter from her position as a CNP worker at Kinston School to a CNP worker at Zion Chapel School.

\* Transfer Kay Courson from a full-time CNP worker at Kinston School to a part-time worker at Kinston School.

\* Transfer Elizabeth Janie Cullifer from a part-time CNP worker at Kinston School to a full-time worker at Kinston School.

\* Transfer Shirley Goodson from her position as an instructional aide at Zion Chapel to an Indian Education aide at Zion Chapel School.

\* Transfer Brenda Johnson from her position as an alternative education aide countywide to a position as an instructional aide at Zion Chapel School.

\* Transfer Bobbie Williams from her position as an instructional aide at Zion Chapel School to a position as an instructional aide at Zion Chapel School.

tional aide at Kinston School to an instructional aide at New Brockton Elementary School.

\* Non-renew Emily Kelley as a bus driver at New Brockton Schools at the end of her contract (May 30, 2003).

\* Non-renew Teresa Brewer as a part-time WIA instructional aide at New Brockton High School at the end of her contract (May 30, 2003).

\* Non-renew Dana Howell as a part-time WIA instructional aide at Kinston School at the end of her contract (May 30, 2003).

\* Non-renew Alma Deanne Wallace from her full-time position as a WIA/ESL/Indian instructional aide at Zion Chapel School at the end of her contract (May 30, 2003).

\* Non-renew Lindsey Kirk as a Registered Nurse at New

Brockton School at the end of her contract (May 30, 2003).

\* Non-renew Janet Holmes as a Registered Nurse at Zion Chapel School at the end of her contract (May 30, 2003).

\* Non-renew A.D. Flowers as a maintenance worker at New Brockton Schools at the end of his contract (June 30, 2003).

\* Employment of Lula Haynes, a part-time clerical worker at New Brockton High School, be terminated.

\* Employment of Earl Campbell, a maintenance worker at Zion Chapel/Kinston School, be terminated.

Ingram noted that the employment of Haynes and Campbell was terminated because the position was not needed.

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## Utility board considering automatic meter reading equipment for all Elba water and electric meters

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Recently the Elba Water and Electric Board heard a presentation on using radio controlled water and electric meters to save labor and furnish more accurate meter readings.

Robert Peterson, of Empire Pipe & Supply, presented financial numbers which showed a water meter 10 year payback on the cost of purchasing and installing the new water and electric meters. The Electric meters now in use could still be used. They would only need an radio control device added inside the meter. Savings on the attachment for the electric meters would register a payback time of only four years and nine months. Savings on labor along with this system would be \$343,000 during this time period.

The new meters are designed to allow the meter reader to ride down the street, read the meters through a lap top computer via radio transmissions. The new equipment would include an automatic "leak alert" that would notify the meter reader, who could then notify the homeowner of the problem.

Peterson reported to the board members that his company randomly tested 25 Elba water meters and found that most were under registering water usage.



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especially at the lower volume end, i.e. when a small amount of water was being used.

Utility board members asked Superintendent James Grimes to research this technology and get information on other companies which offer similar equipment.

No action was taken to replace meter reader Greg Hanchey, who resigned to accept a position away from Elba. Board members indicated they wanted to settle the matter of the new meters before deciding if a replacement for Hanchey was needed. If the new system is adopted, no replacement is expected to be hired.



**VARIETY FOR THE TASTE BUDS...**The diversity of Elba's food industry improved this week as the newest restaurant, Mr. Ho's Chinese Buffet, opened for business. The unique smell of Chinese food filled the air Tuesday, May 20, as patrons filled the dining area of the business located at 522 North Claxton Avenue, Elba. Although Mr. Ho's is new to Elba, the restaurant is not new to the area. The original Mr. Ho's is located in Troy, Ala. and manager Vijay Nagpal said it has been a part of that community for approximately 15 years. The Elba Chamber of Commerce welcomed the opening of Mr. Ho's newest facility on Tuesday with an official ribbon cutting ceremony, and chamber members were joined by many others in sampling the delicacy. Those on hand to welcome the owners and business to Elba included (from left): Kaye Whitworth - executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, Junior Miss Elba Cameron Irwin, Ronnie Whitworth, Vijay Nagpal, David Zheng - owner, Martha Easters, Doug Easters, Jian Zhang Yang - owner, Barry Giles, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Jerry Kelley, Jimmy Harrison, Little Miss Elba Reagan Kelley, Cammie Kelley, Doris Matthews, Dedra Cahley, Herby McCall, Mary McMillan, Miss Elba Anna Anderson and Henrietta Grimes.